

# I-Gov Introduction, Background & Objectives

Or: Why Are We Here, What Was Done  
Before, and What Are We Supposed to Do?

# What is JCOTS?

- ◆ Created in 1997
- ◆ Permanent legislative commission composed of 7 delegates and 5 senators
- ◆ Charged to “generally study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth of Virginia through sound public policies”
- ◆ Delegate Joe May is the current Chair

# What's an Advisory Committee?

- ◆ After each legislative session, JCOTS adopts a work plan that identifies “issues to actively study through Advisory Committees”
- ◆ Advisory Committees are composed of members of the Commission, who co-chair the committees, and citizen members with expertise in the matters under consideration by the committee
- ◆ Advisory Committee citizen membership expires at the end of the calendar year

# 2004 Advisory Committees

## ◆ COMPUTER CRIMES

- Co-Chairs: Senator Newman, Delegate Rust, Senator Stolle

## ◆ INTEGRATED GOVERNMENT (permanent)

- Co-Chairs: Delegate Nixon, Delegate Plum, Senator Howell

## ◆ PRIVACY (permanent)

- Co-Chairs: Delegate May, Senator Watkins, Delegate Alexander

## ◆ NANOTECHNOLOGY

- Co-Chairs: Senator Wampler, Delegate Purkey, Delegate Cosgrove

# What does an Advisory Committee do?

- ◆ Advisory Committees study the issues charged to them
- ◆ Upon conclusion, they issue their final reports and recommendations. Recommendations can include:
  - Legislative proposals
  - Proposals for further study
  - Other proposals
  - Informal requests and other action

# What issues has I-Gov looked at over the last three years?

## ◆ VITA (Virginia Information Technologies Agency)

- Implementation
- Transition

## ◆ IT procurement reform

- PPEA (Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002)
- VITA's procurement authority

## ◆ Virginia IT infrastructure

- State Government
- Localities

## ◆ State government videoconferencing

# What issues will I-Gov look at in 2004?

## ◆ Work plan issues:

- VITA implementation & operation
- IT procurement
  - ◆ PPEA
  - ◆ Radio frequency identification (RFID)
- State government videoconferencing
- Implications of outsourcing for VA
- Evolution of government documents to the electronic form (e.g. electronic deeds)

# What issues will I-Gov look at in 2004? (cont.)

## ◆ Other possible issues:

- Emergency services data interoperability
- Coordinated and comprehensive communications plan for Virginia?
- Open source software appropriate for state?
- Issues raised by Committee members



# I-Gov 2004 meetings

- ◆ Tuesday, August 17

- 9:30 a.m., House Room D

- ◆ Tuesday, October 5

- 9:30 a.m., House Room D

- ◆ November 16 or 17

- if necessary

# Administrative Necessity

Or: Please Do the Following As Soon As Possible to Avoid Nasty Looks from JCOTS Staff

- ◆ Please return the “Advisory Committee on Integrated Government Citizen Membership Information” form that accompanied the e-mail informing you of your appointment to the I-Gov Committee
  - You **MUST** complete and return this form even if you waive reimbursement
  - We have extra copies of the form here